



SPOKANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT



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## Rampart Dialogue

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**DATE/TIME:** January 19, 2016 0800-1200

**LOCATION:** SCSO Training Center  
6011 North Chase Road  
Newman Lake, WA 99025

**COST:** \$30.00

**DESCRIPTION:**

The Los Angeles Police Department's Rampart Scandal has been described as "One of the most debilitating police corruption crisis in Los Angeles history."

This presentation takes an in depth look at the causes, events and circumstances leading up to, surrounding, and beyond the scandal. The dialogue is held by the Captain who was the Commanding Officer of the LAPD Rampart Division and CRASH Unit during the intense and tumultuous three years when the problems occurred from 1995 to 1998. The course will discuss a candid, no holds barred, personal account of the leadership Issues which he continually faced during and for years beyond that time. The Dialogue will also look into the LAPD culture which existed at the time, the incremental steps and specific case studies of arrests, shootings and incidents that led to corruption, the downfall and narcotics arrest of Rafael Perez, the aftermath, its toll and consequences in terms of careers, reputations and family life. And most importantly, a discussion on the Leadership Insights, ethics and lessons learned to impact, deter and deal with potential corruption.

**Richard Meraz** joined the Los Angeles Police Department in 1964 where he served for 43 years retiring in 2007. He spent 12 years as a Commanding Officer (rank of Captain) and was assigned Area Commands in Rampart, Central, Northeast, Central Traffic and Southeast Divisions, Commercial Crimes Division and Detective Support and Vice Division. As a Lieutenant, he was assigned to Foothill Division two months after the Rodney King incident to restore Officer morale, gain community support and assist in coordinating the FBI and Christopher Commission probe of the Department. He was the recipient of the Valley Bureau Officer of the Year and the Departments Meritorious Service Award for his efforts with the Officers and the community in Foothill.

**REGISTRATION:**

To register, please complete the electronic registration form on the Spokane County Sheriff's Office Web page at <http://www.spokanecounty.org/sheriff/>. If you have further questions please contact SCSO, at (509) 477-3211 or email [SCSOtraining@spokanesherriff.org](mailto:SCSOtraining@spokanesherriff.org). Send payment to: SCSO, ATTN: Training Unit, 6011 North Chase Road., and Newman Lake, WA 99205.